



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Approving Application for Grant Funds from State Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program for Tree Purchase (\$15,000)

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2007

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution approving the grant application for tree planting funds through the State Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for tree purchase during the 2007/08 grant cycle.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The State of California Resources Agency administers a program offering grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate environmental impacts caused by new or modified state transportation facilities, which includes highway landscape and urban forestry. The agency submits a list of recommended projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding consideration. It is anticipated that the CTC will adopt the list of projects to be funded in March 2008.

Staff proposes to request funds for 120 trees, primarily in the public right-of-way but will coordinate the project with the Parks and Recreation Department. The cost includes purchase and planting. The application is due November 30, 2007.

The grant application information is on file in the Public Works Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: Staff estimates this round of tree planting to cost \$15,000. If successful, 100% of the purchase and planting costs will come from grant funds. There will be ongoing maintenance costs associated with newly-planted trees.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: None required.

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APPROVED: _____
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MIKE CHRISMAN, Secretary**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 26, 2007

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RESOURCES AGENCY ANNOUNCES ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2007/08

The final application submission date is Friday, November 30, 2007

SACRAMENTO – California Secretary for Resources, Mike Chrisman announced today that applications are being accepted for the 2007/08 grant cycle of the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program.

The program offers grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate environmental impacts caused by new or modified state transportation facilities. Grants generally will be limited to \$350,000 per project. Grants are given in three categories:

- **Highway Landscape and Urban Forestry** -- Projects designed to improve air quality through the planting of trees and other suitable plants.
- **Resource Lands** -- Projects for the acquisition, restoration, or enhancement of watersheds, wildlife habitat, wetlands, forests, or other significant natural areas.
- **Roadside Recreational** -- Projects for the acquisition and/or development of roadside recreational opportunities.

Applications for the 2007/08 grant cycle must be received by the Resources Agency no later than 4 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2007. The Resources Agency will submit a list of recommended projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding consideration and for public notice at their February 2008 meeting. It is anticipated that the CTC will adopt the list of projects to be funded in March 2008.

EEM program application packets, which include minimum requirements, project evaluation criteria, typical questions and answers, and a sample Caltrans project agreement, are available from the Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by contacting the EEM Program Coordinator, Charles Chung at (916) 654-9923 or email charles.chung@resources.ca.gov.

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**TO: 2007-2008 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION (EEM)
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICANTS:**

Enclosed is an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program application packet for the 2007-08 grant cycle that started July 1, 2007. This packet includes EEM Program Procedures and Criteria, a separate application form, and supplementary information to assist you in preparing an application for grant funding. Please be sure to read the "Supplemental Information" sheet for important information about how EEM grant applications are evaluated and why some are disqualified from consideration.

The final application submission date is Friday, November 30, 2007. Applications must be received by this date or delivered to the Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento CA, 95814, no later than 4 p.m. to be considered by the Resources Agency (Agency) for recommendation to the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

All required documents must be included with the application (one original and seven copies), except for board resolutions, which are required for local and non-profit agencies. Board resolutions may be submitted separately at a later date for reason of timing. The schedules for proposed projects must provide for project start and completion within three fiscal years starting July 1, 2007. Grants generally will be limited to \$350,000 each.

The Resources Agency will transmit its recommendations to the CTC by early 2008. Applicants will be notified of the Agency's recommendations shortly thereafter.

It is anticipated that the CTC will consider recommended projects for funding at its March 2008 meeting. Applicants with projects recommended for funding must submit environmental clearance documents to the CTC by Friday, February 15, 2008. CTC will not consider project for funding if the final environmental clearance is not documented.

If you have any questions on the Procedures and Criteria, or the Program, please contact the EEM Program Coordinator, Charles Chung at (916) 654-9923 or by e-mail at charles.chung@resources.ca.gov.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Kemp'.

Patrick Kemp
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EEM Program Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING
THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE
RESOURCES AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT
AND MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR TREE
PURCHASE

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WHEREAS, the State of California Resources Agency administers a program offering grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate environmental impacts caused by new or modified state transportation facilities, which includes highway landscape and urban forestry; and

WHEREAS, the agency submits a list of recommended projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding consideration, and it is anticipated that the CTC will adopt the list of projects to be funded in March 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City will request funds for 120 trees, primarily in the public right-of-way but to be coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department. The cost includes purchase and planting. Applications are due November 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, staff estimates this round of tree planting to cost \$15,000 of which, if successful, 100% of the purchase and planting costs will come from grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council approves the application for grant funds from the State Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program during the 2007/08 grant cycle for tree purchase.

Dated: November 7, 2007

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-_____ was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held November 7, 2007, by the following votes:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk